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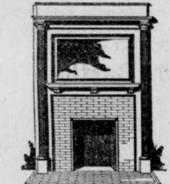
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SAVING SONG BIRDS.

WASHINGTON, May 26 .- The English sparrow is doomed. That tyrant of the air has too long waged merciless war on the useful and beautiful members of the feathered tribe. Congress is taking steps to restore to America the song birds that formertheir happy way through the air. the so-called "flying-forces" or fruit

bats, the English sparrow, the starling, or such other birds or animals as the Secretary of Agriculture may declare injurious to the interests of agriculture or horticulture is to be prohibited. The measure passes Con-Thirteen years ago this spring the

capitol grounds and the parks of bobolinks, and other song birds. The struction of bird life. It should be this alien assassin of the air. We sward below the piazza of the house stopped promptly and forever. wing of the Capitol was dotted with songsters, the robins running in sects, and the trees alive with music. of 30,000 birds. Contracts have beautiful song birds of America. the city of Washington. I heard two chirping on Capitol Square early in the spring. Two weeks ago I saw a robin on the square pecked to death by English sparrows. When I reached him he was lying with drooping head and outstretched wings upon the grass in the park. From 200 to 300 of these English sparrows surrounded him, tormenting and attack-

ing him. I took the bird into the that can be found in the United house and gave him a drop of the States. By dealing with us you deal best brandy. It revived him, and directly with the factory, thereby he flew to the back of a chair. A saving from \$25 to \$100 on a single moment afterwards, however, I am instrument. This should be suf- sorry to say, his head began gradualficient to justify your corresponding ly to droop, and he finally dropped with our agent, Mr. Zach Street, from his perch to the carpet. Five minutes afterwards he gasped for breath and died. On examining I found one eye bloodshot, and discovered that the bird was terribly

acerated under the wings. The bills of the sparrows had pierced him to the vitals. Last summer I spent in the Susquehanna Valley. Twelve years before this I had summered in the same spot. The little yellow cherry You are never dissatisfied with bird was there then in profusion.

any Jewelry bought of us. The ground chippy darted under the fences, and had its nest in the till grass. The yellow-hammer was there Who Were Born in the Country A Friend Tells of Mrs. Marco undulating from tree to tree. The tapping of the woodpecker was heard in the basswood and other trees, and | Extract from Speech of St. G. R. Fitzhughl the twitter of the phoebe bird, and the plaintive note of the pewit. The girl in our country is familiar with kildee and the plover flew over hills, the history of Pocahontas and Capt. and the king-fisher and the little John Smith, and our history records Valentine's Day, were learned from said that merely showed I had retipup were seen upon the shores of that right here, on this spot, Capt. Mr. George C. Hodges, of the Chicago ceived the package and that I must White Stone, Lancaster County, Va the river. Bob White made himself John Smith repulsed the Indians in heard in the meadows, and dainty 1608, so that we can claim that the woodcocks flew out of the dells toward struggle for the establishment of nightfall. All the varieties of birds Anglo-Saxon civilization and suprem-

> In that same region to-day there is of less than 50 miles, we should find twelve years ago there were fifty. wing for six years. As the correspon. of the Revolution, Patrick Henry, Willard Hutchinson dined with them right.' dent of a great American newspaper Henry Clay, Mathew Maury and at the Buckingham Hotel in New "Just as I passed out of the door roost this side of the Mississippi. The birds were nestling in the forests, covering the trees for twenty square and Winfield Scott. And we should more than three score and ten and he a handsome youth, scarce more than carry the package from the office, which I had already done before remites. Hundreds of Indiana from also find within it the buthless of the New York State reservations were the Republic at Yorktown. Now, there killing the birds and gathering tell me, my friends, where is there the squabs. Sportsmen were netting any other similar segment of space so Willard as a son. them by the thousand, and pot- resplendent with stars of the first In a short while after meeting Wayne county, Pa., I have seen flocks George Washington was spent, and husband, which was granted, though long line of men were ahead of me. wayne county, Pa., I have seen flocks George washington was spent, and it is said it cost her \$30,000. But little did she consider the cost, as When my turn came I paid 2 cents sky from daylight to nightfall, dent career, and it was to this town, her enormous income is more than for a stamp, secured a pass, and rewhole of Wayne county. All have lay his laurels at her feet. But there delay in the court's proceedings. The No. 2. The former said the pass whole of Wayne county. All have disappeared. The last roost in the disappeared. The last roost in the disappeared. The last roost in the last roost in the disappeared as a pendulum where to go. Another long line value of the Lancaster House). ago. A wild pigeon is now more sad, that time cannot pale. than a wild turkey. The prairie

see no shoddy leather. Every pair of shoes is warranted by them, and if, with reasonable warranted by them, and if, with reasonable wear, they do not give satisfaction, the dealer and the American disappeared, of Fredericksburg, in Spotsylvania and the American wood-duck is county, more great armies maneuver- was granted, and soon she persuaded ceived official notification that the being rapidly exterminated. The most of the States have laws more men were killed and wounded or the protection of their hirds but then upon any other similar tensitors.

Was beginning to twinkle as a star and my name signed to a receipt. In his chosen profession), which he At last I was free. I could hardly for the protection of their birds, but than upon any other similar territory was perfectly willing to do with the believe my eyes when sentry No. 1 at desire congressional legislation to in the world. More men fell in the prospects of \$3,000,000 before him. the outer gate accepted the pass make their laws effective. Last little county of Spotsylvania during by Mrs. Merc. to Willard, and his operations and delays consumed an-October I was in Florida. Twenty- the four years of the Civil War than by Mrs. Marco to Willard and his operations and delays consumed an-Agents. five years ago I summered and wintered there. I spent years on the east coast. The sky was filled and wounded in the four the east coast. The sky was filled and wounded in the four together and had been on a southern than they stopped in Rich I felt that I had gone through with with immense flocks of wood ibis, hours at the battle of Fredericksburg tour when they stopped in Rich- I felt that I had gone through with gannets, curlews of all colors, oyster than Great Britain has lost in her mond and were married. birds, chuck-will's-widows, sheer- war in South Africa. When the The marriage, which was only an- have been the one paid instead. waters and sand-pipers. The manof-war hawk sailed in the upper sky, U. B.'s, Standards, Bon. and long lines of pelicans trailed 1862, the sun flashed down upon a both are of most prominent families. over the beach. There were immense flocks of egrets and snowy herons, 100,000 Union veterans and 220 can married three times prior to her last flocks of egrets and snowy herons, besides the great blue and Louisianna non were in battle array and in mo-tion, with nothing to obscure their once. Her first husband, from whom HY. ULMAN, herons and the roseate spoonbill cur- ranks from view. Over the plains she inherited much of her fortune, Manufacturer, Fredericksburg, Va. lew, now the rarest and most beauti- swept by a remorseless and terrible was Colonel Thompkins, of New ful bird in America. The scream of fire of protected infantry and artil- York. She has always been one

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the slaughter still continues, and fruit. One cause for the dearth was will continue until some Federal law, the destruction of the insect-feeding mortised in with State law, pre- birds of that State. vents it. Our agricultural news- I pay taxes on about seven acres of papers are filled with articles, show- land. It was formerly covered with Havre the following bill for sending ing that this wanton destruction of birds of various species. Nothing a small package from Havre to Paris, the birds is working a great injury that can fly has been seen on it for the expenses from America to Havre to the agricultural community. It the last two years, except English having been previously provided for has become a matter of serious con- sparrows. They are as thick as flies The first bill read as follows: cern to the farmer. The carculio in a butcher shop, and far more deand other destructive insects have structive and annoying. They have their sweet will in his orchard, and killed or driven away every Ameriall insects detrimental to plant life, can bird. are increasing in number because of Now the time has come for the his city were filled with robins, this cruel, wanton and vicious de- American bird to be protected from

To-day the parakeet has almost en- been made with men in the little HARDSHIPS OF EUROPEAN tirely dissapeared, the roseate spoon- State of Delaware to procure these mon seagull is a prey to the gunner. out I venture to say that Delaware The State is doing its best now to peaches will be scarcer than ever duprotect them. A man who would ring the coming season. Years ago kill a roseate spoonbill curlew to-day Delaware peaches were in every This slaughter has been made to Year by year they have become more gratify the vanity of the female sex. scarce until last summer it was al-

American market at low prices.

Hats and bonnets have been decora- most impossible in the New York ted with their snowy plumes, and market to buy a single basket of the

propose to place it in the power of I have recently seen an advertise- the Department of Agriculture ment in a Philadelphia newspaper to bring about this restoration of the latter amout. (A franc is equivevery direction for worms and inadvertising proposals for the skins their former days of freedom to the alent to 19 cents.)

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SOME GREAT MEN

Surrounding Fredericks-

Every school-boy and every schoolfamiliar to us in boyhood days were acy of this continent commenced there, including the catbird, the right Lere. If we should drawa circle brown thrasher, and the kingbird. around this old town, within a radius not one of these song birds where the birthplace of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, The wild pigeon is a bird of the James Monroe, Zachary Taylor, Chief past. I have not seen one on the Justice John Marshall, of the Lee's I visited Forrest county, Pa., twenty Robert E. Lee. If we should extend York city, and from that time a another sentry crossing the yard years ago to describe the last pigeon- it but a little we would find within strong affection has existed between stopped me. He looked at my pass miles. Hundreds of Indians from also find within it the birthplace of a time considered their fondness for ceiving the pass. Sentry No. 3 rehunters were sending great loads of magnitude as those I have mentioned? Willard Hutchinson, Mrs. Marco and, after perhaps a dozen inquiries, them to market. When a boy in Right here the boyhood and youth of entered suit for a divorce from her found the correct office. Here a headed for the West. I doubt whether the humble home of his mother, that she can spend and her interest in turned for my package. to-day you could find one in the he came, when the war was over, to Willard was growing with each United States was destroyed in the suggested by this locality which come betwixt a tear and a smile—between me where to go. Another long line Indian Territory about twelve years closer home to our hearts, however New York and her home in Toronto, was ahead of me. With the counter-

scarce, North, South, East and West, THE CARNAGE IN SPOTSYLVANIA. Here, in this city, within 15 miles the land of the Queen. the parakeet was heard at every turn, and goldfinches, mocking-birds, limpkins, nonpareils, and myriads of songsters were seen everywhere.

The scream of the direct manny and artiflery they went, as to which General Alexander had said on the evening before, that not a chicken could live when his guns opened on that plain.

And so it was.

Tork. She has atways been one of the first in the society of that city, and while Mrs. Thompkins she entertained the Prince of Wales, while on his visit to America.—Richmond Times.

SHE LOYED AT FIRST.

concerning the courtship and marriage of Mr. Willard H. Hutchinson and Mrs. Cornelius B. Marco, which and Willard Hutchinson. and Mrs. Cornelius B. Marco, which sentry who demanded my pass. I WM. B. SANDERS, took place in Richmond on last St. pointed to the red letters. The man

match had been made.

A year and a half ago, possibly, the bundle with him while I secured Mrs. Marco, as she was at that time, a pass. Returning with this I met young Hutchinson. It was at showed it to sentry No. 2, who the invitation of Mr. Marco that seemed puzzled. Finally he said, 'all B. H. ROBINSON, son. And, indeed, she looked upon

fog lifted its curtain from the bleak nounced in New York and Boston

TRAVEL.

Paris.

Mr. Richard J. Briggs, jr., a young ulate the bowels and produce Baltimorean who is traveling abroad has had some interesting experiences in the custom-house at Paris during his stay there. From an entertaining letter to a friend the following ex-

"I hope it may never again be my fate to receive a package from the

Postage of letters

"As my guidebook says that articles under 11 pounds cost from 60 centimes to 1 franc 25 centimes, I expected to have to pay no more than

"After waiting a week and receiving no notification, I visited the Paris custom-house. The clerk did not know whether or not the package had arrived, and he and I spent an hour looking for it through three large warehouses. We did not find it. He then asked me to return again with a letter I had received from the Havre agent which would probably indicate where to look. I did so. The second time I saw another man, the head of the department. He said the package had not arrived and that I should be notified as soon as it was received. He reprimanded the clerk for making me return for no purpose. This consumed another morning. The next day I received a letter of notification. I again called at the custom-house. The following bill was then pre-

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Grand total, "I was then sent to another office, where I paid the money. There I had to wait another long while, but finally a clerk was sent to hunt the W. McDONALD LEE, time. When it was found I had to CIVIL ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR unpack every article. Two red let-

years and has often been entertained by them.

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rance, and told me, he was a new and

"Once more I left the package,

"Sentry No. 3 was there to help Canada. Willard would see her signed pass and a feeling of extorwhile in New York, and at her ex- tion and persecution, I returned once pense would make brief visits into more for my package. Fate was still against me, however, for I had to And so things went on; the divorce wait at the door until the sentry reed, more great battles were fought, Willard to give up the stage (for he package had been delivered, paid for

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